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In re Application of:

Murthy et al.

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For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING  
TRANSISTOR PERFORMANCE  
THROUGH REDUCING THE SALICIDE  
INTERFACE RESISTANCE

Examiner: David Nhu

Art Unit: 2818

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AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks for the above referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	*		x \$ <b>25</b> =		OR	x \$ <b>50</b> =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	*		x \$ <b>100</b> =		OR	x \$ <b>200</b> =	
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	Minus	***	=	x \$ <b>100</b> =		OR	x \$ <b>200</b> =
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	Minus	***	=	x \$ <b>100</b> =		OR	x \$ <b>200</b> =
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ <b>180</b> =		OR	+ \$ <b>360</b> =
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE	
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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	Minus	***	=	x \$ <b>100</b> =		OR	x \$ <b>200</b> =
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ <b>180</b> =		OR	+ \$ <b>360</b> =
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